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H.R. 1132, To designate the facility of the United States Postal
Service located at 1048 West Robinhood Drive in Stockton,
California, as the "W. Ronald Coale Memorial Post Office Building"

## FLOOR SITUATION

On Tuesday, March 1, 2016, the House will consider <u>H.R. 1132</u>, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1048 West Robinhood Drive in Stockton, California, as the "W. Ronald Coale Memorial Post Office Building," under suspension of the rules. H.R. 1132 was introduced on February 26, 2015, by Rep. Jerry McNerney (D-CA) and was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which ordered the bill reported by unanimous consent on December 9, 2015.

### SUMMARY

H.R. 1132 designates the United States Postal Service facility located at 1048 West Robinhood Drive in Stockton, California, as the "W. Ronald Coale Memorial Post Office Building".

# **BACKGROUND**

W. Ronald Coale was a veteran of the Korean Conflict, serving in the United States Army from 1952 to 1954 when he was honorably discharged. Coale served 1973-83 as a member and chair of the board of directors for the Stockton Metropolitan Transit District (SMTD), predecessor to the San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD).<sup>1</sup>

Coale joined the board in 1973 and served as Chair from 1975-83. During his tenure, SMTD began the provision of demand-response (Dial-A-Ride) services. In 1979, SMTD moved into a new, expanded facility from the location where it had begun years earlier as Stockton City Lines. Coale was present at the groundbreaking, cornerstone-laying, and grand opening celebrations for the Metro facility and was one of the featured speakers at its closing ceremony in December 2013. Coale led

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Mass Transit Article, "Former Transit District Director W. Ronald Coale Dies," April 28, 2014.

the effort for an impressive cornerstone dedication ceremony for RTD's Downtown Transit Center in 2006.<sup>2</sup>

Following his time at SMTD, Coale went on to serve in numerous capacities supporting local government and transportation, including: councilmember and vice-mayor for the city of Stockton (1983-1990); member and chairman of the Stockton Port Commission (1991-2013); member of the San Joaquin Council of Governments Board of Directors; transportation and distribution instructor and advisor to San Joaquin Delta College; manager of the Stockton District Office of the California Public Utilities Commission, where he oversaw passenger and freight transportation matters; and local government consultant for the California Trucking Association. Mr. Coale died in April of 2014 at the age of 81.<sup>3</sup>

# COST

A Congressional Budget Office (CBO) cost estimate is currently not available.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Id.